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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution List

SUBJECT: Termination of Certain Intelligence  
Community Staff SIGINT and PHOTINT  
Studies

1. We wish to thank you for your help on this project. We know from your comments that considerable time and thought was devoted to a consideration of the problems and the proposals addressed in our draft papers. We feel that this exercise, by itself, has not been without its benefits.

2. We are now persuaded, however, that further effort would not be rewarding, and we propose, with the D/DCI/IC's concurrence, not to publish these papers formally for submission to USIB. The problems we sought to identify no longer seem to loom quite so large or seem quite so susceptible to solution (in the ways we suggested) as they once did. Moreover, as some of you have pointed out (though in less euphemistic terms), our approach was quite selective, perhaps excessively so; we were, if you like, attacking only one small segment of a rather broad front.

3. One more point: Our interest in establishing a large role for the National Intelligence Officers during crisis has probably been overtaken in effect by events. The NIOs undoubtedly will play such a role in the future (as indeed some have in the past), and there now seems to be no need--and precious little sympathy--for the formalization of that role in the manner we had suggested.

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